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SUBJECT: INQUIRY ON BEHALF OF KHMER OFFICER TRAINING IN U.S.

REF: MARCH 16 TELECON FROM DIA

1. REFERENCED TELECON FROM DIA CITED EA/LC (ANTIPPAS)  
AS ASKING THAT CARL HARRIS, DIRECTOR OF WORLD VISION,  
PHNOM PENH, TELEPHONE A MR. WILLIAM DEANS IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING EVACUATION OF A KHMER FAMILY.  
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST NOTED.

2. WE REACHED MR. DEANS, WHO TOLD MR. HARRIS THAT HE WAS  
CALLING ON BEHALF OF KHMER ARMY CAPTAIN KSOR KOK, NOW  
IN U.S.-SPONSORED, MAP-FUNDED TRAINING, VIRGINIA, WHO  
WANTED U.S. ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING HIS WIFE AND  
CHILDREN. MR. DEANS SAID THAT BOTH SOUTH CAROLINA  
SENATORS ARE INTERESTED.

3. ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT IT IS STANDARD DOD POLICY  
THAT FAMILIES OF TRAINEES NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN  
THE TRAINEE IN THE U.S., THE PRESENT SITUATION PRESENTS  
ADDITIONAL FACTORS. THE POSITION OF THE USG IS TO  
GIVE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO THE MORALE AND WILL OF THE  
KHMER PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO  
RESIST THE ATTEMPTS OF THE KHMER COMMUNISTS TO IMPOSE  
THEIR WILL BE FORCE. FEW MOVES ON OUT PART WOULD  
CONTRIBUTE MORE TO A WEAKENING OF KHMER MORALE THAN THE  
KNOWLEDGE THAT WE WERE TAKING ACTIVE STOPS TO SECURE THE  
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DEPARTURE OF INDIVIDUAL KHMER CITIZENS AND THEIR

FAMILIES.

4. FURTHERMORE, A KHMER CITIZEN MUST OBTAIN NOT ONLY A PASSPORT BUT ALSO AN EXIT PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE PERMITTED LEGALLY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE CITIZEN WOULD THEN NEED AN ENTRANCE VISA FROM THE COUNTRY OF DESTINATION. MRS. KSOR KOK WILL HAVE TO TAKE STEPS TO SEEK THE PASSPORT AND EXIT PERMIT. IF SHE THEN APPLIES FOR AN AMERICAN VISA, HER CASE WILL BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE LAW.

5. COMMENT: AS THE DEPT IS AWARE THERE IS ALSO AN ELEMENT OF PRECEDENT INVOLVED IN A REQUEST OF THIS SORT, SINCE THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF KHMERS OF ONE CATEGORY OR ANOTHER WHO WOULD DEFINITELY WISH OUR INTERVENTION TO SECURE THE DEPARTURE OF ONE OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS. ASIDE FROM THE PRECEDENT SUCH INTERVENTION WOULD SET, AND ASIDE FROM ITS EFFECT UPON THE KHMERS HERE, WE SIMPLY DO NOT POSSES THE STAFF TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FOLLOW OUR HELPING MRS. KSOR KOK. ON ANOTHER NOTE, MAY WE REQUEST THAT DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN DOING WHAT IT CAN TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MR. DEANS TO CONVEY THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE VIA THE DEPT RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO US VIA TELEPHONE. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WILL ENABLE US TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE CONSTITUENT AS WELL AS MORE EFFICIENT IN THE USE OF STAFF HERE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.  
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